

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 7, 13 and 19 are amended. Claims 2, 3, 8, 9, 14, 15, 20 and 21 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. The title is amended. No new matter is added. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action objects to the phrase "and Method" in the title. To obviate this objection, the title is amended to exclude the phrase "and Method."

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that the Office Action indicates that claims 3-6, 9-12, 15-18, and 21-24 contain allowable subject matter.

Applicant respectfully asserts that the rejection of the claims is moot. Specifically, the allowable subject matter of claims 2, 3, 8, 9, 14, 15, 20 and 21 are amended into independent claims 1, 7, 13 and 19, respectively. Claims 4, 9, 16 and 22 are amended to depend from claims 1, 7, 13 and 19, respectively.

In accordance with the above remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 7, 13 and 19 define patentable subject matter. Claims 4-6, 10-12, 16-18 and 22-24 depend from claims 1, 7, 13 and 19 respectively, and therefore, also define patentable subject matter, as well as for the additional features they recite. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 4-7, 10-13, 16-19 and 22-24 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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